

Week of 10.14.18

The Parables

A Feel-Good Tale Wrapped in a Sad Story

Luke 10:25-37



1. In Luke 10:29, the lawyer asks Jesus to define who his neighbor was. His concern was “who am I required to love?” But Jesus used the parable to turn it around and make him think about “how loving am I to others?” Discuss the important difference between those two ideas. How does the gospel help us when it comes to loving our neighbor as ourselves?
2. Mark 10:17-22 records another instance where someone specifically asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” In both instances (Mark 10, Luke 10), Jesus immediately directs them to the law. Is this a contradiction to the gospel? What can we learn from these passages about personal evangelism? (Romans 3:20)
3. The lawyer tried to “justify himself” by asking Jesus “who is my neighbor” (vs. 29 - the rabbinical tradition excluded enemies from being considered neighbors). What are some ways we try to justify ourselves in order to get out of obeying God?

Communication Card Next Steps: Memorize Matthew 5:43-44

1. I have been trying to get to heaven by doing good works and being a good person. I want to know more about true salvation found in Jesus Christ.
2. I will look for at least one opportunity to take care of a need for someone else this week, without expecting anything in return.